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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

MARIO DENIS MORAN ECHEVERRIA

[REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY ON MARIO DENIS
[REDACTED] DPOB: 12 AUGUST 1939 IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A RIGHTIST
[REDACTED] (NOW DEFUNCT), WAS
[REDACTED] AND ANOTHER LIEUTENANT, BOTH
[REDACTED] SALVADORAN NATIONAL GUARD.

[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT
[REDACTED] HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO [REDACTED] UNIT
[REDACTED] INVOLVEMENT
[REDACTED] OUTSIDE THE COMPETENCE OF
[REDACTED] TRANSFERRED
[REDACTED] RIGHTIST ACTIVITIES.

D. ON 1 MAY 1981 [REDACTED] REPORTED THE
INADVERTENT DISCOVERY BY THE SALVADORAN NATIONAL POLICE OF A
[REDACTED]

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SUSPECTED RIGHT WING TERRORIST GROUP WITH APPARENT LINKS TO
RIGHTIST MILITARY OFFICERS. THE MILITARY OFFICERS IDENTIFIED
INCLUDED MAJOR MORAN, WHO SUPPORTED THE ARMED FORCES CAMPAIGN
AGAINST THE LEFT.

E. [REDACTED] MORAN, FORMER HEAD OF THE
NATIONAL GUARD'S INTELLIGENCE UNIT, DIRECTED A "DEATH SQUAD"
FUNDED BY SALVADORAN BUSINESSMAN RICARDO ((SOL)) MESA, A
LONGTIME LOYALIST OF ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)), FOUNDER AND
HONORARY PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE
(ARENA). [REDACTED] REPORTED SOL MESA AND MORAN USED THIS DEATH
SQUAD TO KILL RODOLFO ((VIERA)), FORMER HEAD OF THE SALVADORAN
AGRARIAN REFORM INSTITUTE (ISTA) AT THE SHERATON HOTEL IN SAN
SALVADOR ON 4 JANUARY 1981. U.S. CITIZENS MIKE ((HAMMER)) AND
MARK ((PEARLMAN)) OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FREE LABOR
DEVELOPMENT (AIRFLD) WERE KILLED BECAUSE THEY HAPPENED TO BE
WITH VIERA AT THE TIME AND BECAUSE THEY SUPPORTED VIERA'S
AGRARIAN REFORM ACTIVITIES. HAMMER AND PEARLMAN APPARENTLY
WERE NOT TARGETS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. THIS EVENT IS KNOWN AS
THE SHERATON MURDERS.

F. [REDACTED] REPORTED IN
MARCH 1983 THAT MAJOR [REDACTED] HEAD OF A DEATH SQUAD IN SAN
SALVADOR, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF [REDACTED] MILITARY
((MOLINA)) PANAMERO. MOLINA'S DEATH SQUAD PLANNED AND CARRIED
OUT THE ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO ((ROMERO)) IN
MARCH 1981.

G. [REDACTED] REPORTED [REDACTED] WAS USING HIS
INFLUENCE IN THE ARMED FORCES TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF
RIGHTIST OFFICERS WHO HAD PERSONAL GRUDGES. AMONG THESE
OFFICERS WERE [REDACTED] COLONEL [REDACTED] THEN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
PANAMA.

[REDACTED] IN JULY 1981 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] COLONEL
MORAN, FORMER SALVADORAN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] PANAMA, AND
COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES [REDACTED] CENTER (CIIFA), WAS
ATTEMPTING TO RECRUIT OFFICERS WITH RIGHTIST SYMPATHIES TO WORK
FOR HIM AT CIIFA. MORAN PERSUADED [REDACTED] ((MAYA)),
ROSA, A DEATH SQUAD MEMBER AND IMPLICATED IN THE SHERATON
MURDER CASE, TO RESIGN FROM HIS POSITION AS CHIEF OF SECURITY
FOR THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND TO ACCEPT A POSITION AT
CIIFA.

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J. [REDACTED] REPORTED IN MARCH 1984, LT. COLONEL MORAN, COMMANDER OF CIIFA IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LA PAZ HAD BEEN PRESSURING THE GENERAL POPULACE TO VOTE FOR ARENA. MORAN HAD BEEN GIVING POLITICAL SPEECHES IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF HIS COMMAND, URGING THE CITIZENS TO VOTE "ANTI-COMMUNIST." THE ACTIVITIES OF MORAN VIOLATED THE "APOLITICAL POSITION" OF THE ARMED FORCES. [REDACTED]

K. [REDACTED] REPORTED IN MAY 1984 THE INTENTIONS OF THE SALVADORAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOSE NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)) TO REMOVE CERTAIN MILITARY OFFICERS WHICH INCLUDED LT. COLONEL MORAN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED ARENA SECURITY CHIEF REGALADO HAD COMMISSIONED ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES TO PLAN AND CARRY OUT ASSASSINATIONS OF KEY LEADERS OF THE SALVADORAN LABOR ORGANIZATION, THE POPULAR DEMOCRATIC UNION (UPD). REGALADO COUNTED UPON AMMUNITION RESUPPLY FROM THE TREASURY POLICE, AND ARMY. LT. COLONEL MORAN REGULARLY PROVIDED MILITARY CREDENTIALS FOR USE BY REGALADO PERSONNEL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN NOVEMBER 1984, MORAN WAS REPORTED OUTSIDE SALVADOR POSSIBLY IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA. [REDACTED]